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Dear John,

Separately I am returning the autopsy manual. Very good, Thanks.

With further reference to part of the enclosed, please, if you do not mind and can recall, tell me to whom you may have mentioned that I was helping you, had given you a copy of the authopsy authorization and an affidavit, aside from Paul, Dick or Gary. You do not know it, but someone claims to have been quoting you in a way I think you would find mebarrassing. Not one of the above.

Much mischief has been made. Gary did what it took to stop it temporarily, but the damage has been done and it is serious. Now this. We both know they pretended they did not have any copy of the authorization. I have been sitting on this for more than three years, never until I was in a position to, making any move that would indicate I had a copy of the authorization.

I do think it vital that we pinpoint the leak and prove it is naught but idle chatter.

You can be sure there is enormous federal interest in your suit and what I have and am doing. I know copies of the Archives' letters to me go to the GSA general-counsel's office.

We have Rhoads in a whipsaw now, and that Bud is proceeding for me, if in a more limited way, confronts him with another. I will have a go at him over whatever he may say in your suit, which means he'll have to face the possibility of not a perjury charge but the fact of it (unless we can do it so effectively the judge will do it, for the government will not). This is one of the reasons I am pressing him, to force him into positions or actions, to either make an investigation, tell the truth, or have to face in court his failure and refusal in the face of the kind of letter that would anger the average man, impelt him to learn the truth if he did not possess it.

Johnson may draft the letters. But Rhoads puts his name to them.

This awful dishonesty is so sickening!

I have finished the Frazier testimony. It is quite valuable in ways not indicated in the papers. I am hoping for a lecture series, have an agency, and, if it is not too much trouble, would appreciate Thermofax copies of the others if and when it is possible, so I can carry them with me as well as mark them up for writing. Of that which I recall, this would be Finck, Shaneyfelt and you. Do you consider any other worthwhile?

Don't know when I'll be typing my Frazier notes. My wife will not be able to do what I have on tape until she finishes the large ms she is now doing. I did the rest while taking breaks, flying, etc. so when I finish correcting and reading the ms. I'll probably do all of them myself before she can get to it....Especially when the handicaps are considered, Oser did a remarkably fine job.

Thanks,